

FANSHAWE COLLEGE

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1966 During the summer, preparations are begun for naming London's new community college. A city-wide contest closes in September and the college is named "Fanshawe" (its literal meaning - "a temple in the woods") already the name of a local park and lake. The search for a suitable site for the new college narrowed to the campus of the Ontario Vocational Centre on Oxford Street East where Principal, Harry Rawson, was making room for the new college as of September 1967. In addition to the forty classes at O.V.C. eighteen new courses were added for a total of 500 day students.
- 1967 Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology begins its first operating year with Dr. James A. Colvin as its first President and Mr. John G. Laurie as the first Chairman of the Board of Governors.
- 1968 Fanshawe expands its services to communities outside of London by offering the first of its satellite adult evening classes. (Since that time, the Community Services Division has offered hundreds of classes to literally thousands of evening school students. Our current evening enrolment on all campuses approximates 45,000.)
- 1969 The Boards of Education for the City of London and of St. Thomas approve the transfer of the Manpower Training programs to Fanshawe College. The Ontario Department of Education approves the college master plan which projects a tripling of Fanshawe's facilities.

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The Fanshawe Advisory Council is established as a rough equivalent to a University Senate. It is intended to give teachers, students and support staff a greater voice in the operation of Fanshawe. By December, the college prepares to offer 66 new evening courses.

- 1970 In March, the student body elects its first Student Administration Council, while construction begins on the second floor of the Arts building, to be later identified as Block 'A'. In May, the first Continuing Education students graduate from one to three year programs for diplomas and certificates. On July 1, Fanshawe assumes responsibility for the Adult Education programs (Re-training) in London and St. Thomas. The first co-operative education program at Fanshawe is introduced. The course is Civil Engineering Technology.
- 1971 Fanshawe's Applied Arts continues its growth as the Board of Governors begins examination of the possibility of a college FM radio station.
- 1972 The town of Glencoe urges its inclusion on Fanshawe's summer course program. In a dramatic first, Fanshawe's Fine Art students exhibit their works simultaneously at both York University and the University of Toronto. During May, the well-known Fanshawe College community band gives its first concert. In September, the college opens Phase One, a three-storey building, to become known as Block 'D'. The building will garner design awards for its architects, Craig, Zeidler and Strong. During September, college enrolment climbs from 2,500 to 3,300 day students.

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- 1973 Fanshawe's Board of Governors approves the establishment of a Faculty of Nursing thereby bringing the four regional schools of nursing under the administration of the college. In April, the Vice Chairman of the Canadian Radio and Television Commission, Harry Boyle, opens a new recording centre for the Creative Electronics program. During the year, Fanshawe works towards a degree of decentralization with expansions of part-time and full-time course offerings at the campuses in Woodstock, Strathroy, Simcoe, St. Thomas and Tillsonburg.
- 1974 The college enrolment grows to 3,700 students as applications at all community colleges begin to multiply and strain resources. Fanshawe continues to implement its Five Year Plan, secure in the knowledge that it will have more students than it can possibly handle until at least 1981.
- 1975 In April, the college celebrates the Culinary Arts Festival, with over 40 chefs supplying at least that many dishes from the Canadian Federation of Chefs de Cuisine. By Fall, enrolment has reached a record 4,800. There were 12,000 general applications. In October Fanshawe receives approval for a 2.35 million dollar addition to be opened in the Spring of 1977. The building to become Block 'E', will include 63,000 square feet of much needed space.
- 1976 The Alumni Association for Fanshawe College is formally created. It will serve the 9,000 people that the college has graduated since its founding in 1967. Also this year, Fanshawe offers co-operative education programs in more disciplines than any other college in Canada.

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- 1977 Block 'E' is officially opened, and will provide academic class areas, as well as serve as the centre for Manpower Retraining formerly located on Adelaide Street in south London.
- 1978 Fanshawe seeks approval for a major addition to the Oxford Street campus. The addition is proposed to house a new Learning Resource Centre. In October, CIXX-FM, Canada's only course-run FM radio station, opens to serve London and area.
- 1979 In March, Fanshawe opens its newest campus at Simcoe known as the James N. Allan Campus. On September 1, the former Principal of O.V.C. and current Vice President of Physical Resources, Harry Rawson, replaces James Colvin, to become Fanshawe's second President. Later in the month, the Board of Governors approves the design for the new Student Union Building/Bookstore, at a cost of 1.2 million dollars - the buildings to be constructed entirely from non-public monies.
- 1980 In January, University of Western Ontario Professor and City Alderman, Tom Siess, is elected to a second term as Chairman of Fanshawe College Board of Governors. In May, the ground is broken for the northward expansion of the Oxford Street campus. Slated for a September opening are the Student Union Building and Bookstore. The college receives authority to appoint C.A. Ventin as architect for a new Learning Resources facility.

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- 1981 Construction of the new Learning Resources facility begins and work progresses at a pace ahead of schedule. A new college logo is introduced - the winning entry selected from more than one hundred submitted in consequence of a "logo design contest". The 20,000 square foot Student Union Building/College Bookstore is opened officially. With respect to student achievements, two notable accomplishments are the winning of the American Marketing Association annual contest by a class of third year Marketing students and the capturing - for the second consecutive year - of the National Men's College Basketball Championships by the Fanshawe Falcons. Mr. W. Bernard Calder, a Woodstock lawyer, is elected as Chairman of the Board.
- 1982 The new Learning Resource facility is completed early in 1982. The physical move to the new centre is effected in May, and on September 13, the Honourable Bette Stephenson, M.D., Minister of Education/Colleges and Universities, officiates at the official opening. The infusion of B.I.L.D. (Board of Industrial Leadership and Development) and L.I.P. (Labour Intensive Projects) as well as the availability of capital funds, permit the college to undertake major alterations and renovations - particularly at the main campus - to consolidate new office clusters emerging from reorganization and to bring together in Block 'A' a number of functions having in common the provision of an array of student services. Mr. Keith M. Jones, a Simcoe lawyer, is elected as Chairman of the Board. For the first time in ten years, a "balanced" budget is presented to the Board of Governors. The 1982/83 budget of \$42,772,000 represents a 7.2% increase over 1981/82.

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- 1982 An in-depth "Image Study" of Fanshawe College and how it is perceived by its various publics is completed by a team of 3rd year Marketing students for the college's Publicity and Information Committee. The Image Study will be used as a basis for preparing a multi year plan on internal and external communications. The college's downtown office at 170 Dundas Street is closed. Staff and facilities are moved to the Continuing Education offices at 520 First Street. Fanshawe College, in co-operation with the Oxford Board of Education, officially opens a new Welding Training facility at Huron Park Secondary School in Woodstock. Fanshawe's Medical Laboratory Technology programs move to the main campus after being housed for 15 years adjacent to Victoria Hospital in London.
- 1983 Mrs. P.J. Olien is elected as Chairman of the Board. Further B.I.L.D. allocations permit the college to acquire sorely needed CAD/CAM equipment. The college receives approval to proceed with two high priority projects: the nursing education facility (to replace space rented at Victoria Hospital); a two-storey classroom addition (to replace classroom space which earlier had been converted to laboratory facilities to permit the transfer of the Medical Laboratory Technology program from Victoria Hospital to the Oxford Street Campus). A new Learning Resources and Self Study Centre is opened at the St. Thomas Campus for use by Retraining and Continuing Education students. Dr. G.J. Bissett is named the college's Vice President, Academic. Dr. Bissett has been an educator for twenty years, most recently as Vice President Academic Affairs at John Abbott College, St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec.

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- 1984 Mr. Raymond Murray, Area Representative, Ontario Labour Congress, is elected Chairman of the Board of Governors for 1984. The Board of Governors approves a 49.7 million dollar operating budget for the 1984/85 fiscal year. The new budget permits a complement of 1148.5 full-time equivalent staff positions. For the fourth consecutive year, a team of Marketing students from Fanshawe College wins a place position in the American Marketing Association (Ontario Chapter) Championship. At a special Spring Dinner Dance retirees are honoured and recipients of 15-year and 20-year service pins are recognized - the latter being primarily employees who joined the former Ontario Vocational Centre in 1964. Over 1700 students graduate during Spring Convocation ceremonies bringing the total number of Fanshawe College graduates (since 1967) to over 22,000. A new era in Nursing Education at Fanshawe begins on October 26 with the official opening of a nursing education building at the main campus in London. Students and staff of the former Victoria Nursing Campus are the first to move in to the 30,000 square foot structure. It contains 5 instructional areas, a Nursing Arts laboratory, a Learning Resource centre and offices. It is designed to accommodate the eventual transfer of the theoretical portions of the St. Thomas and Woodstock Nursing programs. In December 1984, Mr. E. Grant Bainbridge, formerly Director, Western Ontario Region, Ontario Hydro, is elected Chairman of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

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- 1985
- Mr. E. Grant Bainbridge, 1985 Chairman of the Board of Governors, is elected President of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology.
 - The Board of Governors approves a 52.9 million dollar operating budget which includes major economies necessary for the redeployment of funds to areas of critical importance. There will be major expenses in computer technology, increased spending on instructional equipment and increased resources set aside for staff development.
 - The School of Applied Arts and General Studies is dissolved (as an organizational unit) but its programs and services are integrated into the remaining "schools" of the college.
 - A community based task force is formed in Oxford County to determine future college/community needs. After six months of thorough and detailed assessment, the task force recommends to the Board of Governors that the college vacate its present rural Woodstock facility and investigate the feasibility of moving to a new location in the City of Woodstock.
 - The largest career exposition in south western Ontario is held at the main campus. Career '85 draws almost 5000 people in less than four hours. Attendees are given the opportunity to speak with 200 career representatives as well as with people for 30 Ontario colleges and universities.

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- 1985 . In December, Mr. Douglas H. Puddicombe, Principal of Oliver Stephens Senior Public School in Woodstock, is named Chairman of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.